Mumbai Airport

(i) Simultaneous operations of the two runways are done for 8 hours between 0530-0930 and 1500-1900 IST daily to reduce the delays for departing traffic. (ii) New procedures on PBN are being developed for early implementation. (iii) Additional ATC positions in tower approach have been opened. (iv) An additional taxiway development is underway.

(c) & (d) At Delhi Airport, CAT-IIIB Instrument Landing System has been commissioned which permits operations of aircrafts upto a runway visual range of 50 mts. during fog. Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) with Surface Movement Radar (SMR) has been implemented. During period of fog. ASMGCS and SMR help in maintaining surveillance of aircrafts and vehicles on ground to ensure greater safety of flight operations. Delhi International Airport Limited has constructed CAT IIIB compliant taxiways and parking bays. Airlines have also been asked to enhance their capability to operate under Cat-III/II conditions. Additional seating space outside Domestic Terminal IB with food outlets will be provided. Directorate General of Civil Aviation has also issued detailed guidelines, on 12.11.2007, for aircrafts operations during low visibility conditions for compliance by airlines/ airport operators.

Revival of Jharsuguda and Jamadarpali Airports in Orissa

168. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to revive Jharsuguda airport in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the time-frame within which it would be completed;

(c) whether it is also proposed to revive Jamadarpali airstrip in Sambalpur, Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On a request from State Government of Orissa, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has a plan to revive Jharsuguda airport in Orissa in Phases subject to the State Government providing additional land required for the development of the airport free of cost and free of all encumbrances.

(c) and (d) Jamdarpali airstrip in Orissa belongs to the State Government. No scheduled airline operator has requested to operate through this airstrip. Therefore, AAI has no plan for development of this airstrip at present.

Incidents of bird-hits

169. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cases of bird hit flights are increasing day by day in the country;

(b) whether Government are also aware that recently a flight at Nagpur and another in Jaipur made emergency landing due to bird hit;

(c) if so, what safety measures have been taken by Government at various airports in the country; and

(d) how many cases of bird hit flights came to notice of Government in the last two years in the country airport-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. The bird hit incidents are showing a decreasing trend.

(b) Yes, Sir. Two incidents of bird hit involving aircraft of M/s. Jet Airways were reported from Nagpur on 15.10.2007 and Jaipur on 16.10.2007 respectively.

(c) Government has ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs and scaring and shooting of birds etc.

(d) A total of 350 bird hit cases were reported during the last two years (2005-06). The airport-wise break-up is as under:—

Agartala-1, Ahmedabad-30, Amritsar-2, Balurghat-1, Bangalore-26, Baroda-2, Bhavnagar-1, Bhopal-1, Bhubaneswar-1, Bhuj-1, Mumbai-60, Kolkata-17, Calicut-3, Coimbatore-2, Cochin-4, Delhi-61, Guwahati-4, Goa-10, Hyderabad-35, Indore-2, Jaipur-19, Jammu-1, Jodhpur-2, Jorhat-1, Khajuraho-1, Lucknow-3, Chennai-25, Mangalore-2, Madurai-1, Nagpur-4, Pune-6, Raipur-1, Rajkot-4, Ranchi-1, Trichi-3, Trivandrum-1, Udaipur-2, Vadodara-1, Varanasi-2, Vizag-1, Vijayawada-3, Diu-2.

Bird-hit incidents at Mumbai Airport

170. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai have logged more bird-hits than any other airport in the country;

(b) if so, how many cases have been registered in last three years;

(c) what are the financial loses Government have suffered during the last three years; and

(d) what action Government had taken/proposed to take to prevent this Bird-hit incidents particularly at Mumbai Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years a total of 86 bird hit incidents have been registered at Mumbai airport.

(c) Government does not maintain record of losses suffered by airlines due to bird hit incidents.

(d) Government has ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment. Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports. Such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs and scaring and shooting of birds etc. At Mumbai airport, regular joint inspection of the areas around the airport and deployment of Watch and Ward staff during the aircraft operations are also done.